

(b) Rs. 75 Crores (approximately) loss towards repairs/rebuilding.

(c) 03. Financial relief of Rs. 5 lakhs each is being given to the families of the railway employees killed in the Earthquake in Gujarat.

(d) Immediate action was taken to restore traffic on priority. All sections of Railways track except Dahinsara-Lavanpur-Navalakhi have been restored. Temporary accommodation has already been provided by way of Tents and Sheds immediately. Other repairs/rebuilding are also in hand.

Sanitation at Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh

354. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cleanliness drives conducted at major railway stations of Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupathi junctions, during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the results achieved there from; and

(c) what other initiatives have been introduced for improving sanitation at railway stations in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The number of cleanliness drives launched at major railway stations of Andhra Pradesh particularly at Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Tirupati during the years 1999 and 2000 were as under:—

Station	1999	2000
Hyderabad	5	4
Vijayawada	6	4
Visakhapatnam	50	53
Tirupati	4	3
Other major stns	16	17

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(b) Consequent to these drives the standard of cleanliness improved at the stations.

(c) For improving sanitation, the monitoring and supervision has been strengthened besides provision of washable aprons, jet cleaning machines, additional dustbins, removal of garbage and education of public through various media.

Employment of Gangman in SE Railway

355. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a letter was sent to the Railway Minister by an MP on 14th August, 2000 with the request to investigate the allegations regarding employment of Gangman notified by Divisional Railway Manager, Kharagpur, S.E. Railway;

(b) if so, whether investigation has been ordered;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Dy. Chief Vigilance Officer(s) of S.E. Railway has directly responded to the MP for confirmation of authenticity of the letter before taking any action; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In terms of extent procedure, genuineness of the complaint has to be verified from the complainant as part of the investigation process.